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Suspect Identified in Santa Clara Officer Involved Shooting

SUNNYVALE, Calif. - At approximately 6:35 p.m. on February 9, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers responded to an officer involved shooting near the intersection of El Camino Real and Wolfe Rd. Santa Clara police officers, in unmarked and marked patrol units, were attempting to stop a white Mercedes Benz sedan (license plate 5XZE418) that was suspected of being involved in auto burglaries in the City of Santa Clara. The driver of the Mercedes Benz fled the scene and drove toward one of the officers. Officer Peter Stephens, a five-year veteran of the Santa Clara Police Department, feared for his life and fired several rounds at the Mercedes Benz. The vehicle was last seen travelling northbound on Wolfe Rd. and has not been located. The officer did not sustain any injuries as a result of the incident.

Sunnyvale DPS notified area hospitals of the incident and requested information related to any gunshot cases that were seen. San Francisco General Hospital contacted Sunnyvale DPS regarding a walk-in gunshot patient they received after the Sunnyvale incident occurred. Danny Rodriguez-Garcia (30 years old) was contacted at the hospital and was later identified by Officer Stephens as the driver of the white Mercedes Benz. Rodriguez-Garcia was treated and released into the custody of Sunnyvale DPS with non-life threatening injuries. He was booked into Santa Clara County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon on an officer.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information related to the Mercedes Benz is asked to contact the Sunnyvale Investigations Unit at (408) 730-7120.

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